

Understanding Similes and Metaphors

Directions: Decide whether each sentence contains a simile or a metaphor. Write the word SIMILE if the sentence contains a simile. Write the word METAPHOR if the sentence contains a metaphor.

1. The baby was like an octopus, grabbing at all the cans on the grocery store shelves. _____
2. As Ms. Thome entered the room she muttered under her breath, "This class is like a three-ring circus!"

3. The giant's steps were thunder as he ran toward Kaysa. _____
4. The pillow was a cloud when I put my head upon it after a long day. _____
5. I feel like a limp dishrag. _____
6. Andrea and Lauren are like two peas in a pod. _____
7. The fluorescent light was the sun during our test. _____
8. Everyone invites Alec to parties because he's not a wet blanket. _____
9. The bar of soap was a slippery eel during the dog's bath. _____
10. Duncan was as nervous as a cat with a long tail in a room full of rocking chairs. _____

Finish these lines with similes.

1. When I am tired, I am as _____.
2. When I am sad, I am like _____.
3. When I am annoyed, I am as _____.
4. When I am sleepy, I am like _____.
5. When I am _____, I am as _____.
6. When I am _____, I am like _____.

